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TAGS: SREF, DJ,ET,SO,KE
SUBJECT: OGADEN REFUGEES

REF: STATE 066174

1. SENIOR MOD OFFICIAL AND KENYA ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF
CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT THERE PRESENTLY NO RPT NO OGADEN
REFUGEES COMING INTO KENYA. BOTH ICRC AND UNHCR REPS
AGREED.

2. MOD OFFICIALS CLAIM RETREATING SOMALI FORCES AND
REFUGEES IN SOUTH OGADEN HAVE BEEN PASSING THROUGH DOLO
WHICH IS NORTH OF KENYAN MANDERA DISTRICT. ICRC REGIONAL
REP NAIROBI SAID SOME 7,000 REFUGEES HAD BEEN SEEN TWO
WEEKS AGO IN LUGH GANANA AND THAT ACCORDING TO RELIABLE
INFORMATION THIS NUMBER HAS INCREASED SOME.

3. MOD OFFICIALS IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF CLAIMED KENYAN
ARMY DISCIPLINED ENOUGH TO DO NO HARM TO SOMALI
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REFUGEES SHOULD THEY CROSS BORDER. EDITORIAL IN
DAILY STANDARD MARCH 15 ENTITLED "EXODUS FROM OGADEN"
STATED " WE ARE ALL ENJOINED BY CIVILIZED INTERNATIONAL
MORALITY TO BE HELPFUL AND CONSIDERATE TOWARD GENUINE
REFUGEES AND OTHER DISPLACED FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS. WE
ARE ALSO OBLIGED TO CONDUCT OURSELVES HUMANELY WHILE
HANDLING PRISONERS OF WAR." REMARKS OF MINISTRY OF

DEFENSE OFFICIALS AND EDITORIAL ARE ENCOURAGING ALTHOUGH KENYAN LONG-STANDING ANIMOSITY TOWARD SOMALIS CARRIES POTENTIAL FOR PROBLEMS SHOULD THERE BE SUBSTANTIAL INFLUX.

4. GIVEN CURRENT ABSENCE OF REFUGEES FROM OGADEN AND SMALL PROBABILITY OF FUTURE INFLUX (WE SUSPECT SOMALIS WOULD COME INTO KENYA ONLY IN CASE OF LAST RESORT) THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO CONTINGENCY PLANNING TO DATE. ICRC REP CONFIDED HE DOUBTED IN ANY CASE HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING USEFUL AS GOK HAS TAKEN EXTREMELY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD ICRC AS RESULT OF EFFORTS IN SOMALIA. ICRC REP BEMOANED FACT HE HAS VIRTUALLY NO RPT NO ACCESS TO GOK AND HAS BEEN INFORMALLY TOLD NORTHEAST PROVINCE IS OUT OF BOUNDS FOR HIM.

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